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and Deborah. He was a long time Deacon in the Baptist church. He, Moses Worster, married secondly, as her second husband, 30 March 1805, Mrs Susanna (Nash) Knowles of Addison, Maine, widow of Freeman[5] Knowles of Addison. (The Knowles Family of Eastham, Mass., New Eng. Hist. Gen. Reg., vol. 80, p. 127).

The immigrant ancestor of this Massachusetts family was John[1] Osgood of Andover, Essex Co., Mass., born in the parish of Wherwell, Hampshire, England, 23 July 1595, died in Andover, Mass., 24 Oct. 1651. He married in England about 1627, Sarah ---------, who died 8 April 1667. From John[1] Osgood, the immigrant, the line runs thus: Stephen[2], of Andover, Mass., farmer, born about 1638 in Ipswich or Newbury, Mass.; died of smallpox 15 January 1690, who married 24 October 1663, Mary Hooker: Stephen[3], of Andover (South Parish), Mass., born 16 August 1670; died 1749, who married 24 May 1699, Hannah Blanchard, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Doggett) Blanchard of Charlestown and Andover, Mass., born 1681, baptized at Charlestown 2 October 1681, died at Andover, March 1774. He was a farmer and lived near Haggett's Pond, South Parish: Lieut. Stephen[4], of Tewkesbury, Mass., and Billerica, Mass., farmer, born 18 August 1709; died 24 March 1772, and Dorcas Ballard his wife, who were married 4 March 1730: Joseph[5], born 18 October 1752, in Tewkesbury, Mass., settled after 1784 in Orono, Maine, was drowned in Penobscot River in the spring of 1786, as above stated. He served as a private in the Revolutionary War, enlisting probably from vicinity of Twekesbury and Groton, Mass. He marched to Cambridge upon the alarm of 19 April 1776; served eleven days in Captain Solomon Pollard's company, Col. Greene's regiment. He was the father of Stephen[6] Osgood the subject of this article. (See Osgood genealogy, page 64: "Descendants of John, Christopher and William Osgood", compiled by the late Ira Osgood, Edited by Eben Putnam, Salem, Mass. 1894. 478 pp.).

Stephen and Lovicey (Leighton) Osgood had eight children, five sons and three daughters, as follows (The generation numbers herein given follow out the Osgood line and not the Tibbetts line):

i. Mary[7] Osgood, born in Columbia, Maine, 6 Feb. 1818; married in Eddington, Maine, 28 April 1836, Thomas Rowe, born 3 Feb. 1812 in Eddington, Maine; died 11 Feb. 1867 in Holden, Maine. They resided in Holden (a suburb of Bangor). She survived her husband thirty-four years and after his death she lived at Great Works, Penobscot County, Maine. She died suddenly at 12 o'clock at night, 2 June 1901, aged 83 years, 4 mos., having lived a noble and useful life; a charming character, beloved by everybody. Their family Bible in possession now, 1928, of Mrs. Walter P. Bell of Everett, Wash., contains the record of their children, three sons and four daughters.

Children, all born in Holden, Maine:

1. Lona Lovisey Rowe[8] (in family Bible recorded Lovisa L.), born 25 March 1837; married 23 Nov. 1859, Jonathan Sibley Rich, the son of Reuben Rich. Only child: (1) Etta Melvina Rich[9], born 1 June 1861 in East Eddington, Maine;

married in First Congregational Church, Chelsea, Mass., 27 Apr. 1896, Greenwood Everett Soule, born in Waldoboro, Maine in 1842, who was a descendant of George Soule who came in the Mayflower. She, now a widow, resides in Santa Barbara, Calif. Only child, (surname Soule):
(1) Helen Vivian[10]; attended public schools of Watertown, Mass. and after finishing high school course studied three years in the New School of Design, Boston, Mass., from which she received her diploma; in 1927 studied at the Chouinard School of Art in Los Angeles, Calif., where she received many honors. She married in Hollywood, Calif., in 1922, William Henry Pratt, born in Wilshire, England, who has been in this country many years, is a well-known actor in moving pictures and known to every one as Boris Karloff. They reside in Hollywood. No children.

2. Ann Lucilla Rowe[8], born 19 April 1838; married Jason Plummer, 26 April 1857; they resided in Eddington, Maine and Bradley, Maine where Mr. Plummer died. She was a widow for many years and in 1914 removed to Everett, Wash.: died there 10 June 1927, aged 89 years, 1 mo., 22 days. During the last three years of her life, her niece, Mrs. Etta Rich Soule resided with her. Only child (surname Plummer): (1) Emery, died when four years old.

3. George T Rowe[8], born 8 Feb. 1840; married Mary A. Taylor. Resided in Bangor, Maine; No children.

4. Mary Melvina Rowe[8], born 5 April 1842; married Alfred S. Day, 29 Sept. 1860. They resided in Brewer, Maine. She died 25 March 1864. Only child: (1) George A. Day[9], born 27 June 1862.

5. Marcia Jane Rowe[8], born 12 July 1844; married in Brewer (now Holden), Maine, 20 Oct. 1867, Almond W. Blackman. They resided in Bradley, Maine. He died 4 Oct. 1920 in Everett, Wash. She died 12 Nov. 1919 in Everett, Wash. Two daughters, both born in Bradley, Maine, as follows:
(1) Lillian A. Blackman[9], born 30 Oct. 1868; married in Snohomish, Wash., 30 Oct. 1890, Walter P. Bell, lawyer, the son of Rev. G.W.S. Bell, born in Fallula, Illinois, and Nancy Matilda Clayton his wife who was born in Roochport, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Bell reside now, 1928, in Everett, Wash. (2130 Rucker Ave.). Four children, all born in Snohomish, Wash., as follows:
(a) Harold C. Bell[10], B.S. (State College of Washington, at Pullman, Wash., 1916), born 27 Feb. 1893; is a banker; resides at Banning, Calif.; married 2 Oct. 1920, in Riverside, Calif., Ruth Reid, daughter of Charles A. Reid of Banning, Calif., who was born in Lovetts, Loudon County, Ohio, and his wife Verda Jane Summers. Three children: 1. Robert Clayton[11], born 1 March 1922 at Lake Steven, Wash. 2. John Allen[11], born 22 March 1923 in Everett, Wash. 3. Walter Reid[11], born in Seattle, Wash. 1 Sept. 1928.

(b) Mary Emily Bell[10], born 21 June 1895; married in Everett, Wash., 9 July 1919, Edward Williams Hartley, who was graduated from Yale in 1917, and served through entire period of the World War as 2nd Lieutenant in the Rainbow Division, the son of Gov. Roland H. Hartley, present governor of the State of Washington, who was born in Minnesota, and his wife Nina Clough, the daughter of Ex-Gov. Clough who was the 13th governor of Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Williams Hartley reside in Everett, Wash., where Mr. Hartley is manager of a shingle company. Three children: 1. Marcia Janell, born 28 Nov. 1920. 2. Judith Hartley[11], born 21 July 1923. 3. Jeanne Hartley[11], born 13 Nov. 1925.

(c) Doris L. Bell[10], A.B. (Univ. of Washington, at Seattle, Wash., 1918), born 23 Feb. 1897.

(d) Winnifred Bell[10], born 6 June 1900; married in Everett, Wash., 22 Oct. 1921, Minor Kelley Reid, the son of Charles A. and Verda Jane (Summers) Reid. They reside in Banning, Calif. Child: 1. John Summers Reid[11], born 24 Nov. 1924.

(2) Annie Melvina Blackman[9], born in Bradley, Maine, 1 June 1871; married in Snohomish, Wash., 20 Sept. 1892, Will T. Elwell, the son of Tamlin and Sarah (Watts) Elwell who were married in Northfield, Maine, 2 June 1860. Mr. and Mrs. Will T. Elwell reside in Seattle, Wash. Four children:

(a) Marjorie Elwell[10], born in Snohomish, Wash., 24 July 1893.

(b) Philip Winston Elwell[10], born 10 March 1904, in Seattle, Wash.; married in Spokane, Wash., 5 May 1925, Helen Barringer of Spokane. They reside in Seattle, Wash.

(c) Barbara Elwell[10], born 1 Dec. 1906, in Seattle, Wash.

(d) Geraldine Elizabeth Elwell[10], born 10 April 1909, in Seattle, Wash.; married 16 July 1927, Walter A. Huebner.

6. Elisha Silsby Rowe[8] (called Silsby), born 6 June 1847; married first, Emma S. Orcutt, 29 Sept. 1869. He married secondly, Maria Almeda Smades. He resided in Evart, Michigan. Child by first wife: (1) Emery A. Rowe[9], born 9 May 1871. Five children by second wife, whose names have not been ascertained. See "Additional record" below.

7. Selwyn E. Rowe[8], born 22 Jan. 1852; married Jessie F. Adams, 24 May 1874; they resided in Ocala, Florida. Only child: (1) Mary Etta Rowe[9], born 14 Nov. 1875; married a Mr. Bogie, and had two children, Ella and Frank.

ii. Joseph W.[7] Osgood, of Ellsworth, Maine, and Pawtucket, Rhode Island, carpenter and building contractor, born 14 Nov. 1819, in Columbia, Maine; died at Sheldonville, Massachusetts, 14 May 1904. He had lived during his earlier years in Ellsworth,

Maine, and had been a resident of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, for thirty-five years but had gone to Sheldonville, Mass., seeking medical relief. He died of heart trouble. He was a noted contractor and builder, some of his churches and school buildings being the largest in New England at that time. The "Evening Telegram" of Providence, R. I., published his obituary with his photograph 14 May 1904. He married first, 9 Jan. 1842, Almira Metcalf of Lincolnville, Maine; she was born in 1822; died in Ellsworth, Maine, 13 April 1852. He married secondly, 22 Feb. 1854, Hannah Morgan of Old Town, Maine.

Children by first wife:

1. Laura J.[8], born 1 Dec. 1842 in Amherst, Maine; married Charles Emery. Child: (1) Annie Emery[9], who married late in life Samuel Leighton who died nine years after marriage. She, now a widow, resides in Orlando, Florida (P.O.Box 372).

2. Sidney J.[8], of Grand Rapids, Mich., architect, senior member of the firm of Osgood and Osgood, born 26 March 1845, in Amherst, Maine; removed to Grand Rapids in 1876 from Attleboro, Mass. He married in Pawtucket, R. I., 28 Dec. 1868, Annie Burns, born 12 Feb. 1847, in Fall River, Mass. Three children: (1) Helen Elmira[9], born in Pawtucket, R. I.; married William N. Carl of Grand Rapids, Mich.; no children. (2) Fannie Elizabeth[9], born in Attleboro, Mass.; resides with her parents at 459 Prospect Ave. S.E., Grand Rapids; is a member of the Sophie de Marsac Campau Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. She is unmarried. To her, the compiler is indebted for a part of the data herein given. (3) Sidney Eugene[9] Osgood of Grand Rapids, Mich., architect, junior member of the firm of Osgood and Osgood, born in Grand Rapids; was graduated from the school of architecture of Cornell Univ.,1902; m. 14 Nov. 1906, Florence V. Cook. Two children, born in Grand Rapids, Mich.: (1) Elizabeth Florence[10] Osgood, born 6 Oct. 1910; entered Wellesley College in the fall of 1928 as a student in her Freshman year. 2. Jeanne Louise[10] Osgood, died aged seven years.

3. Almira J.[8], born 28 Feb. 1846, in Ellsworth, Maine; married a Mr. Rice.

4. Caroline M.[8], born 2 April 1848, in Ellsworth, Maine; married Olney Varney.

5. Ann L.[8], born 26 July 1850; died in Ellsworth, Maine, 31 July 1855, aged five years.

Children by second wife, born in Ellsworth, Maine:

6. Celia A.[8], born 12 Sept. 1854; married George A. Park of Pawtucker, R. I. She died about 1920.

7. Anne L.[8], born 25 Nov. 1855; married Edward Lowden. She died about 1915.

8. J. Eugene[8], born 10 June 1859; resides now, 1928, in Rumford, Rhode Island (1003 Pawtucket Ave.).

iii. Stephen B.[7] Osgood, of Ellsworth, Maine and Warren, Wis., and of Hudson, St. Croix County, Wis., lumber manufacturer, born in New Charleston, Maine, 17 Feb. 1822; died in Chicago, Ill., 22 June 1908, aged 86 years. He married 11 Jan. 1854, Hannah Elizabeth Case of Kenduskeag, Maine, who was born 6 Nov. 1829, in Kenduskeag (then called Levant), Maine, daughter of Isaac Case, M.D., born 6 Jan. 1789 in Thomaston, Maine, and Abigail Page his wife, born 26 Sept. 1792 in Readfield, Maine (who were married 1 July 1817).
Stephen B. Osgood resided in Ellsworth, Maine several years, and moved to Hudson, Wisconsin, where he purchased a large farm where he and his family resided for many years. Hannah E. his wife died here 28 Dec. 1896, and he went to live with his daughter Abby (Mrs. C. L. Partridge) in Chicago, and died at her home.
Stephen B. and Hannah Elizabeth (Case) Osgood had two children, as follows:

1. Abby L.[8] Osgood, born 30 July 1855; Died in 1929 or 1930 married in Roberts, Wis., 24 Oct. 1877, Charles S. Partridge. They resided in Chicago, Ill., where Mr. Partridge died 8 Nov. 1916, She, now a widow, resides with her daughter in Jacksonville, Florida. Four children, as follows: (1) Grace Mary Partridge[9], born 4 Oct. 1878; married 24 Oct. 1903, Edwin Howard Woodman who, died in Chicago, Ill., 9 Feb. 1910. Mrs. Grace Mary (Partridge) Woodman, now a widow, is supervisor of music in public schools at Jacksonville, Florida. No children. (2) George Edwin Partridge[9], born 15 Dec. 1880, died 11 Dec. 1886, aged six years. (3) Frederick Osgood Partridge[9], born 3 Nov. 1883; resides in Chicago, Illinois; married Rose Reinhard, 21 Jan. 1905. Only child: 1. Charles Osgood Partridge[10], born 12 April 1906, who is a student in his Senior year in Chicago University (4) Floyd Case Partridge[9], born 10 Feb. 1892; married Evelyn Crutcher of Nashville, Tenn., 16 Jan. 1923; resides in Chicago, Ill.

2. George Albert[8] Osgood, born 10 Nov. 1858; married Clara Mabel Scott; resides in Chicago, Ill. No children.

iv. Benjamin[7] Osgood, born in Columbia, Maine, 11 May 1824; died in infancy 18 July 1825.

v. Benjamin S.[7] Osgood, of Ellsworth, Maine, Hudson, Wis., and St. Paul, Minn., manufacturer and mill-owner, born in Addison, Maine, 9 Oct. 1825; died in St. Paul, Minn., 29 March 1915, aged 89 years, 6 mos. He married in Aurora, Maine, 2 March 1852, Lucinda Silsby, born 23 Dec. 1824 in Aurora, Maine, daughter of Deacon Benjamin Silsby of Aurora, Maine and his wife Polly Mann who was the daughter of David and Sarah (Tibbetts) (Osgood) Mann of Brewer, now Holden, Maine (See No.). She died in St. Paul, Minn., in January, 1901 aged 76 years.

Soon after his marriage, Benjamin S. Osgood and Lucinda his wife moved to Ellsworth, Maine where he followed the business of carpenter for several years. While in Ellsworth, he and his brother Stephen B. Osgood built a fine double house for their home. In July, 1858 he and his wife Lucinda removed from Ellsworth, Maine to Minnesota and later removed to Hudson, Wisconsin where they lived until 1870, when they went to St. Paul, Minnesota.
St. Paul at that time was a small town of a few hundred inhabitants. He rented a small tract of land and put up a little machinery for sawing out lumber for small buildings, and being a skillful carpenter and knowing just what was needed, he had no trouble in getting orders. This small beginning rapidly grew into a business altogether too large for his limited mill and machinery. He early took up the manufacturing of boxes, refrigerators and other cabinet work, in which he was very successful. Having satisfied himself that the mill business was destined to become of large proportions, he associated with himself his brother-in-law, Harvey Fitch Blodgett, Esq., (formerly of New Bedford, Mass.), under the firm name of Osgood and Blodgett, of which he was president. They secured a large tract of land in a suburb of St. Paul, at a low rental, built a substantial mill, well-stocked with machinery; purchased and rented timber lands, and soon had a force of nearly one hundred men at work. Later on, this mill was burned and they immediately built larger and their business thrived apace until their employees numbered several hundred. Harvey Fitch Blodgett, Esq., the partner, died 8 Jan.1883, and Mr. Osgood took into partnership his son, Henry E. Osgood. In the year 1897 this last mill was burned to the ground with a loss of more than sixty thousand dollars. Undaunted by this calamity, they erected a large modern mill without delay. This mill is one of the finest and most complete of any in St. Paul. Under the guidance of the masterly experience and skill of the senior partner and his son, Henry E. Osgood, it has become one of the most important industries of the city.
Benjamin S. Osgood and Lucinda (Silsby) his wife, had two sons, as follows:

1. Henry E.[8] Osgood, born in Ellsworth, Maine, 9 March 1857; when but sixteen months old was taken by his parents to Minnesota, as he himself says "almost in time to be a territorial pioneer". (The Territory of Minnesota was organized in 1849 and did not become a state until 1858). The family later lived in Hudson, Wisconsin for some time and in 1870 took up their residence in St. Paul, Minnesota. In the year 1883 he was taken into partnership with his father in the milling business. After the death of his father in 1915, he continued to carry on the milling business in St. Paul until 1922 when he retired. He resides, now, 1928, near Erhard, Otter Tail County, Minn., where he has a farm situated in a beautiful country amid the lakes and hills; to the east a quarter of a mile the woods and hills commence, resembling the scenery of Maine; to the west extend the big prairies. A genealogical "family tree" or chart of the Osgood family is in his possession and he has kindly contributed much of the data herein given in regard to this family. He is unmarried.

2. Fred B.[8] Osgood, born 25 Dec. 1861 in Hudson, Wisconsin; was accidentally drowned in the summer of 1883, at the age of 22 years, in White Bear Lake, near the city of St. Paul, Minn., while out on the lake fishing - a crushing blow to his parents and many firends. He was a very bright and promising young man; he was not married.

vi. James Blake[7] Osgood of Ellsworth, Maine and Washington, D.C., born in Addison, Maine, 1 Jan. 1828; died in Washington, D.C., 24 March 1902, aged 74 years. He married 26 Nov. 1855, Cornelia Upham of Castine, Maine. He was a teacher in Ellsworth, Maine; afterward clerked in a book-store. In 1863 he went to Washington, D.C., and was employed in the 2d Auditor's office, Treasury Department for thirty-seven years.

The Evening Star of Washington, D.C., 24 March 1902, published the following obituary notice:

Death of James Blake Osgood, who was for thirty-seven years employed in Treasury Department Bureau.

"Mr. James Blake Osgood died this morning at the home of his son-in-law Professor William H. Holmes, 1444 Stoughton St.. Northwest. He was seventy-four years old and was a native of Addison, Maine. He came to Washington in 1863 and was for thirty-seven years a trustful, faithful and intelligent employee in the force of the auditor for the War Department. Three years ago he suffered an attack of the grip and had been in ill health since. For the past three weeks he had been confined to his bed. The immediate cause of his death was the bursting of a blood vessel in the head combined with heart disease. When he retired from the War Department two years ago because of failing health, Mr. Osgood was highly complimented on his faithfulness and efficiency by Hon. Lyman J. Gage, then Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Osgood was a man of extensive learning. He was devoted to his family. He leaves a widow and five children to mourn his loss. The funeral will be held from the home of his son-in-law Professor Holmes, tomorrow at 3 p.m. The interment, which will be private, will be at Rock Creek Cemetery."

Children of James Blake Osgood and Cornelia Upham his wife, the first two born in Ellsworth, Maine, the last three in Washington, D.C.:

1. William J.[8] Osgood, born 3 Feb. 1857; resided for a time in Mississippi and for several years in Chicago, Illinois; died there in January, 1925. He married
Five children, one son and four daughters.

2. Kathryn C.[8] Osgood, born 1 Oct. 1858; died in Washington, D.C., June, 1925; married in Washington, D.C., Dr. William H. Holmes, Ph.D., who was for more than forty years at the head of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington.

Dr. Holmes is now Director of the National Gallery of Art in Washington; residence 1444 Belmont Ave., Washington. Two sons: (1) Osgood Holmes[9], a municipal architect in employ of the government; resides in Washington, D.C. (2) William H. Holmes, Jr.[9], resides in Detroit, Mich.

3. Clarence Whitman[8] Osgood, born 12 Nov. 1865; resided in Washington, D.C.; died there in 1921.
He married
Two children:

4. Mary Agnes[8] Osgood, born 1 Jan. 1868; married C. E. Clifton of Washington, D.C., who died in 1922. She, now a widow, resides in Washington, D.C. Only child (surname Clifton): (1) Katherine[9], who is the wife of the Hon. James Young who has been U.S. Consul to Venice for the past fifteen years.

5. Cornelia L.[8] Osgood, born 29 Jan. 1870; married Walter H. Pumphrey of New York City and they reside in New York City.
Two children:

vii. Sarah T.[7] Osgood, born in Columbia, Maine, 23 Jan. 1831; married first, 27 July 1856, George H. Rich of Bangor, Maine, son of the famous old Dr. H. H. Rich of Bangor. George H. Rich died and several years later his widow, Mrs. Sarah T. (Osgood) Rich married secondly, as his second wife, 15 July 1861, Stephen Jones McCaslin of Columbia, Maine, lumberman, and they removed to Cherryfield, Maine. Stephen Jones McCaslin was the son of Alexander McCaslin of Addison, Maine, and his second wife Abigail[6] Knowles, who was daughter of Freeman[5] and Susannah (Nash) Knowles, of Addison, Maine, and granddaughter of Samuel[4] Knowles (Nathaniel[3], Samuel[2], Richard[1]), born at Provincetown, Mass., in 1733, died at Pleasant River Plantation (now Addison), Maine, prior to 1777, one of the original grantees of No. 6, now Addison, whose 200 acre grant now makes several homesteads, and Sarah Elwell his wife.
The statement is made (N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, vol. 80, page 127) that the homestead of Mrs. Lawrence Goudet includes the southern third of this 200 acre grant which was set off as the dower of Freeman Knowles's widow, Susannah (who married for her second husband, Moses Worster of Columbia), and was signing deeds to release her dower rights as late as 1836. It is also stated that the "site of the original house is far inland, on a road not now used, on land (a blueberry pasture) now owned by E. K. Plummer." "Stephen Jones McCaslin and his first wife lived for some years on the Knowles homestead before it passed out of the family." (See "The Knowles Family of Eastham, Mass.", New Eng. Hist. Gen. Register for April 1926, vol. 80, pages 126-127-128).

Stephen Jones McCaslin was born 13 July 1819 in Addison, Maine; died 25 Feb. 1885, buried at Beddington, Maine.

Only child by first husband (surname Rich):
1. William A.[8], born 10 May 1858; went west in the eighties and probably located in Omaha, Nebraska.

Only child by second husband (surname McCaslin):
2. Abby[8], married Almond Jordan. They resided in Bangor, Maine for a time and many years ago removed to Minneapolis, Minn., in which city they now reside (2406 4th Street), North Minneapolis. They have one son, namely, Harold Jordan, who resides in Minneapolis, is married and has one daughter, namely, Dolores L., born 21 Aug. 1913.

viii. Lovicey S.[7] Osgood, born in Columbia, Maine, 2 May 1833; died unmarried in Aurora, Maine, 10 Nov. 1851, aged 18 years; buried in Aurora cemetery; cause of death an ulcerated tooth which was highly inflamed and broke in the night and choked her to death. She was a young woman of charming personality and unusual promise, possessed of a beautiful soprano voice and decided musical talent. She was the youngest child of Stephen and Lovicey (Leighton) Osgood.

Children of Mrs. Lovicey (Leighton) (Osgood) Silsby by her second husband, Deacon Samuel Silsby of Aurora, Maine:

1. George Selden Silsby, born in Aurora, Maine, 10 Aug. 1836; further records of whom will be found under "Family of Deacon Samuel Silsby of Aurora, Maine" (see No.).

2. Charles Payson Silsby, born in Aurora, Maine, 22 Oct. 1838; further records of whom will be found under "Family of Deacon Samuel Silsby of Aurora, Maine" (See No.).

Additional record. Family of Elisha Silsby Rowe of Evart, Mich., by his second marriage.

Elisha Silsby Rowe[8] (called Silsby), born in Holden, Maine, 6 June 1847; died in Evart, Mich., 14 Jan. 1924. He was the second ~~child~~ son and sixth child of Thomas and Mary (Osgood) Rowe.

He married first, Emma S. Orcutt of Bangor, Maine, 29 Sept. 1869. He married secondly, at Chippewa, Michigan, 26 April 1881, Maria Almeda Smades, born 7 Sept. 1866, daughter of Charles Smades, of German ancestry, who was born in New York state, and his wife, Elizabeth Lamerence who was born in Oxford, Canada.

Only child by first wife:

1. Emery A. Rowe, born 9 May 1871, who is married and has two daughters. No further record obtained.

Children by second wife; all born in Evart, Mich., as follows:

1. Laverne W. Rowe, born 8 Oct. 1882; resides at Pontiac, Mich. He married 17 Dec. 1918, Edith Van Alistine.

2. James Frederick Rowe, born 2 Jan. 1888; is a carpenter; resides at Pontiac, Mich. He married 1 March 1914, Grace Philips.

3. Mary Agnes Rowe, born 2 Feb. 1889; married Herman L. Miller. They reside at Evart, Mich.

4. Lillian Blanche Rowe, born 28 Feb. 1892; married Elmer H. Hoffmeyer. They reside in Detroit, Mich.

5. Etta Viola Rowe, born 11 May 1898; married 26 May 1917, Eroy Becker. They reside in Evart, Mich.

6. Pansy Lucilla Rowe, born 24 Dec. 1900; married Arle Fleming, 8 Jan. 1919. They reside in Pontiac, Mich.

The material for the present article on the Silsby family was furnished in 1924 by George Selden Silsby, Esq., of Coldwater, Kansas, formerly of Bangor, Maine, who died in 1929 or 1930.

"During the year of 1880 James A. Emerton, M.D., of Salem, Mass., published a small book which he named 'A Genealogical Account of Henry Silsbee and Some of his Descendants'. During Dr. Emerton's researches he visited London, England, where he found the following interesting data. ~~Quoting from his book~~ as follows:

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"The name Silsbee is one of the rarest in the records accessible in London. I found but two Wills at Somerset House; that of John Seylesbie of the Parish of Weston under Wethsley (Camden, ed. 1701, gives Wetherly and Wathley), Warwickshire. He is called "Yeoman", died in 1557, and mentions no children nor any relatives of his name, and that of Thomas Sellesby of West Thorocke, Essex, deceased on or about 1 Sept. 1653 (noncupative), to brother Matthew Sillsbey one half of my estate, sister Bethia Marten and her children the other half.

Abdiel Silsbye obtained a license at Westminster to marry Anne Allayne of that place on 16 February 1641-2 and was married the same day at St. Margarets, the parish church so near the Abbey. Even the most recent maps give the name 'Silsb Road' to a lane winding about the fields between Shepherds Bush and Hammersmith; but a visit to the locality one day in October, 1879, revealed the fact that overgrown London had pushed out in that direction, and road as well as name, were even then, just disappearing under the rectilinear streets of a new suburb".

It is curious and interesting to note the various forms of spelling the name of Silsby, as seen in Dr. Emerton's sketch, viz., Sellesby, Seylesbie, Sillsbey, Sillsby, Silsbey, Silsby, Silsbee, Silsbye, Sylsbe, Seilsbey, Silsbe, Sillsbe, Sillsbee.

As a rule, by no means without exception, the descendants of Nathaniel write Silsbee;--all others Silsby". --

HENRY SILSBY, the the immigrant ancestor, from whom the Silsby's of America descended, was born in London, England in the year 1608. His first wife's name was Dorothy. In the year 1668 Henry was married to his second wife, Grace Eaton, in Lynn, Mass. From all accounts obtainable it is evident that he came to this country in the year 1629 when he was 21 years of age.

The children of HENRY[1] and DOROTHY SILSBY were as follows:

i. Henry[2]
ii. Nathaniel[2]; the Essex Institute credits him with 17 ch.
iii Mary[2] ;
iv. John[2] ;
v. Jonathan[2] (our ancestor), born in Ipswich, Mass., in 1650; married 1 June 1673 to Bethia Marsh. 6 children.
vi. Samuel[2] ;
vii Ephraim[2] ;
viii Hannah[2] ;
ix. Sarah[2] (?)

Jonathan[2] Silsby, son of Henry Silsby the Emigrant, was born in 1650 in Ipswich, Mass. He was married 1 June 1673 to Bethia Marsh. To them were born six children, the second of whom was named Jonathan[3], born 16 March 1677-8 in Lynn, Mass. He was first married to Elizabeth Collins in 1709,-his

second marriage was to Lydia Allen, 1 March 1715, and among their children was Samuel Silsby, born 4 April 1726, who married Elizabeth Woodard, 5 November 1746, and their son, Samuel Silsby, born 4 November 1755, served in the Revolution as a Captain, and married 24 November 1777 Hannah Goodell, in Acworth, New Hampshire. They resided in Acworth, N. H., for many years before removing to Aurora, Maine, and all but one of their children were born in Acworth. The Silsby families in which we are interested are among their descendants.

CAPT. SAMUEL[5] AND HANNAH (GOODELL) SILSBY had eleven children, all born in Acworth, New Hampshire, except Hannah, the youngest, who was born in Vermont.
Their children were as follows:

i. Wendell[6] Silsby, born 16 Nov.1778; did not remove to Maine, but spent the greater part of his life in New Hampshire and Vermont.

ii. Goodell[6] Silsby, born 22 Feb.1780; married Sally Epps of Mariaville, Maine; settled in Amherst, Maine; was a miller; at the time of the War of 1812 he was Captain of all the Militia north of Ellsworth, then known as the Mariaville and no river Militia. He died at Amherst, Maine, 22 April 1870.

iii. Betsey[6] Silsby, born 16 April 1783;

iv. Samuel[6] Silsby, born 3 April 1785; died at Aurora, Maine 14 Jan. 1871; was a Deacon in the church; married first, 17 March 1812, Sally Mann, born 28 Sept.1789, died at Aurora, Maine, 9 July 1861, having had seven children. She was daughter of David and Sarah (Tibbetts) (Osgood) Mann of Holden, Maine. After her death Deacon Samuel Silsby married second, as her second husband, Mrs. Lovicey (Leighton) Osgood,
S[illegible] born 26 May 1797, probably in Steuben, Maine; died at Aurora, Maine, 25 July 1872. She was daughter of Isaac and Mary (Wooster) Leighton of Steuben, Maine; she was granddaughter of Samuel Leighton (Revolutionary soldier), and Dorcas Bunker his wife. Deacon Samuel Silsby by his second wife, Lovicey (Leighton) Osgood, had two children, viz., George Selden Silsby, born in Aurora, Maine, 10 August 1836, residing now (1924) in Coldwater, Kansas, formerly of Bangor, Maine, and Charles Pelson Silsby, born 22 Oct.1838, who resided in the well known and convenient house in Aurora, Maine, which was built by his father, and died there 6 July 1911. All are buried in Aurora cemetery.

v. Mitchell[6] Silsby, born 11 August 1789;

vi. Lydia Putnam[6] Silsby, born in 1790;

vii. Benjamin[6] Silsby, born 18 April 1792; died at Aurora, Maine, 13 June 1859; married 9 March 1815, Polly Mann, born 16 June 1791, died in Aurora, Maine 28 March 1865; she was daughter of David and Sarah (Tibbetts) (Osgood) Mann of Brewer, now Holden, Maine. Nine children. Benjamin Silsby was a Deacon in the church.

viii. David[6] Silsby, born 14 Aug.1794; Settled in Aurora, Me. Died there in 1862.

ix. Harvey[6] Silsby, born in 1797.

x. Russell[6] Silsby, born 5 Sept.1799; died at Aurora, Maine, 7 [illegible]

Roswell Silsby was a Deacon in the church; he married 20 March, 1823 Eunice Mann, born 24 July 1803, died Dec. 1898. She was daughter of David and Sarah (Tibbetts) (Osgood) Mann of Brewer (now Holden), Maine. (See No.

xi. Hannah[6] Silsby, born 6 March 1803 in Vermont; died at Ellsworth, Maine, 6 June 1862; she was youngest child of Capt. Samuel and Hannah (Goodell) Silsby.

Note. It took some thirty years of careful research by Harvey H. Silsby of La Cygne, Kansas; Judge Arthur W. Silsby; Geo. H. Silsby of Concord, New Hampshire and George Selden Silsby of Bangor, Maine (now 1924 of Coldwater, Kansas), to secure the main facts given above, and those which follow, in regard to Revolutionary service of Capt. Samuel Silsby. Of course, in a paper of this kind, the countless details cannot be given.

REVOLUTIONARY RECORD OF CAPT. SAMUEL SILSBY, born 1755, of Acworth N. H., Charleston, N. H., who settled in 1808 in what is now Aurora, Maine.

The following are some of the proofs of service of Capt. Samuel Silsby in the Revolution (his name in printed records sometimes s spelled Selsby).
(He was a Pensioner under Act of Congress, passed March 18, 1818, for service in the Massachusetts Line. This was in Col. Paul Dudley Sargent's regiment, Capt. James Perry's Comoany. He enlisted from Halestown (Weare, N. H.), and was in the Battle of Bunker Hill, and his name is among a list of soldiers at the Battle of Bunker Hill from Weare. (See History of Weare, N.H.)Also Bangor Historical Magazine, Vol. VII, page 100.
He afterward served in Captain Holmes' Rangers, and with his Captain and others was captured by the British November 16, 1776, at Fort Washington and was held prisoner in New York until Sept. 20th, 1777 on board Prison Ships.
(For this last item, see New Hampshire State Papers, Vol. 13, page 509).
The full War Record of Capt. Samuel Silsby is incomplete, and it has not yet been possible to obtain all of the details of his service in the war of the Revolution.
Capt. Samuel Silsby was a gallant soldier in the Revolutionary War; at the battle of Fort Washington he was complimented by his superior officer for especial bravery and valor. It was at this battle that he was taken prisoner by the British and confined in a British vessel for nine months in New York harbor. The prisoners on this vessel were most inhumanly treated by the officers in command, many of them literally dying of starvation and other brutalities. The following account written in the quaint language of that time, by an eye witness, gives a thrilling idea of the terrible horrors that our forefathers were subjected to on that vessel.

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After enduring these tortures for nine long months, Capt. Samuel Silsby was paroled to be exchanged. No record of such an exchange has been found, but tradition has it that as our British friends had lots of business on their hands at the time, no exchange was made.

The records are confusing in one or two particulars. As stated above-- Captain Samuel Silsby enlisted in Captain Holmes Rangers. As with Captain Holmes, William Haywood and others were taken prisoners at Fort Washington, November 16, 1776,- held by the British in New York until Sept.20, 1778, when they were exchanged. These facts are from New Hampshire State Records, and are probably correct so far as they go.- It will be observed that this later service was after he served in Col. Paul Dudley Sargent's Regiment in Massachusetts.

The confusion referred to above, is because of the record of his marriage to Hannah Goodell, which is given as occurring November 24, 1777. If he was held in New York, a prisoner from November 16, 1776 to Sept. 20, 1778, how could he marry on November 24th, 1777? But WAS he held that length of time a prisoner? His sons, viz., Dea. Samuel Silsby, Goodell Silsby, Dea. Benjamin Silsby, David Silsby and Dea. Roswell Silsby always said and believed that Capt. Samuel Silsby, their father, was held a prisoner as above for nine months only, when he was paroled TO BE EXCHANGED, but they had no knowledge of such an exchange when it did occur, as stated in the New Hampshire records. If they were correct (and surely, they must have known the exact facts), then what more natural than the immediate return of Capt. Samuel to his home upon receiving his patrol?

The following letters give some information in regard to his pension record:

STATE OF MAINE.

Adjutant General's Office.

Augusta, Maine, April 1a, 1902.

George E. Silsby, Esq.
Bangor, Maine.

Sir;--I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 13th instant, relative to the service of your grand-father, Capt. Samuel Silsby, in the Revolutionary war.

I beg to state that this office has no record of the Revolutionary war. You can probably obtain the desired information by applying to the Secretary of State of Massachusetts, Boston, as the records of Maine in the War of the Revolution are on file in his office.

I have referred your letter to Major Charles J. House of this city, who is familiar with the records which are in the State Library here, and possibly he will be able to obtain some information in regard regard to the matter.

Yours very respectfully,
Augustus L. Farnham,
Adjutant General."

"" Bureau of Industrial and Labor Statistics

Agusta, Maine
April 16, 1902.

George J. Silsby, Esq.,
Bangor, Maine.

Dear Sir:--

Yours of the 13th instant to General Farnham has been h handed me for reply, as are all letters which relate to Revolutionary soldiers. The pension roll gives but little additional information to what you already have. As the roll is made up in tabular form, I give you the substance.

Samuel Silsby was pensioned at the rate of $96. per year for service as a private in the Massachusetts Line. His name was placed on the roll April 26, 1819, pension to commence April 30, 1818. He died February 10, 1826. His age is given as 68. (wrong) The total amount of pension received was $753.06.

This is the same man referred to in the Bangor Historical Magazine although Porter changed the spelling to Silsby.

You speak of him as a Captain, while he was pensioned for s service as a private. Both statements are easily true.

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Yours very truly,
C. J. House. ""

In the year of 1805 Capt. Samuel Silsby (Born 1755) with his wife Hannah Goodell (born 1760), went from Charleston, New Hampshire, to Marianville, Maine, taking with them their daughter Lydia Putnam Silsby (born 1790) and their youngest son, Roswell (born 1799) and their daughter Hannah (born 1803), and occupied the lots since known as the "Old Silsby Place". When the town of Amherst was set off from Marianville, this place was in the Amherst territory. They made the journey from Portland to Ellsworth in a sailing vessel, and from thence to Marianville in an old-fashioned batteaux.

year previous, during the winter of 1807-8 their three sons, viz., Samuel, David and Mitchell had left the paternal home in Charleston, N. H., for what is now Aurora, Maine. In performing this journey they had the company of one of the Charleston Silsby's a brother, as far as Portland, whither he was going with a load of produce to sell. From Portland they proceeded on foot, via Bath, Rockland, Camden, Belfast and Bucksport . t that time there were but few roads and those of the roughest kind. From Portland to Bucksport they travelled much of the distance in what was then call a "Horse path", while from Bucksport they went directly through the forest on snow shoes, guided only by spotted trees.

At the end of this fatiguing journey these hardy young pioneers arrived at the hospitable camp of their brother, Goodell Silsby, where they met with a most cordial welcome. After a brief rest they went into Aurora, secured land for farms, where they commenced felling trees, toiling early and late through those dark wintry days, until snow and frost had yielded to the warmth of spring. They succeeded in clearing up and preparing for seed sufficient land to furnish them with a year's supply of food. They, with their brothers, Benjamin and Roswell Silsby, with their families, continued to reside in Aurora during the remainder of their lives. All are buried in the old Aurora cemetery.

New Hampshire Town Papers,
Book 974--2--1--page 4 gives a list of earliest settlers (1772) in Lewworth, New Hampshire. Among them is Capt. Henry Silsby who is granted Lots 11 and 12 in Ranges 5 and 6.
Also Jonathan Silsby who is granted Lot 13 in Range 7.

ANCESTRY OF HANNAH GOODELL, WIFE OF CAPT. SAMUEL SILSBY.
Elisha Goodell was born about the year 1725 in New Hampshire. About 1750 he married Lydia Putnam, a sister of General's Israel and Rufus Putnam of Revolutionary fame.
Among the children of this union, was Hannah Goodell, who was born in 1760,;she was married 24 November 1777 to Capt. Samuel Silsby, who was born 4 November 1755. She died at Aurora, Maine, 27 Jan. 1838 aged 78 years. She was married in Lewworth, New Hampshire. Capt. Samuel Silsby, her husband, died 10 February 1825. He was a Revolutionary pensioner.
Lydia Putnam and her brothers, General Rufus Putnam and Major Gen. Israel Putnam were the grandchildren of Thomas Putnam of Danvers, Mass. Thomas Putnam's second wife was Mary Veren, widow of Nathaniel Veren, a wealthy merchant of Salem, Mass. Their only child was Jose Putnam, who inherited the homestead. Joseph Putnam married Elizabeth Porter, daughter of Israel and Elizabeth (Hathorne) Porter. From this marriage sprang the famous soldier and his sister Lydia, who became the wife of Elisha Goodell. (Related to Elizabeth Hathorne was Nathaniel Hawthorne, the writer).
It will thus be seen that Gen. Israel Putnam was an own uncle to Hannah Goodell, who became the wife of Capt. Samuel Silsby.

In a sketch of Major General Israel Putnam, it is stated that he was born in Danvers, Mass., 7 January 1718, in a house now standing on Maple street, close by its junction with Newbury street, and near the base of Hawthorne Hill, on the top of which is the State Hospital for the Insane. The house has been enlarged several times and is still in an excellent state of preservation. The original structure was erected in 1641, and it was in a chamber of this section that Gen. Israel Putnam was born. The first proprietor of the house was Thomas Putnam, grandfather of Gen. Israel Putnam.

The ancestry of Gen. Putnam in various lines was of the sturdy stock of Essex county. His early boyhood was passed in Danvers, but later he lived at the home of his stepfather in Boxford.

Owing to the limited school advantages in part and his intense inclination for outdoor life, his book education was defective. As a boy he was widely known for his feats of strength and daring. Having arrived at an age when he could manage his father's farm, he left Boxford and returned to Danvers and settled upon a portion of the estate set off for him. Here he built a small house near his birth-place, but only the cellar now remains.

He married 19 July 1739, Hannah Pope. They kept house in their humble dwelling for a short time, and in which their first child, Israel, was born in 1740. Shortly after the birth of their son they removed to Pomfret, Conn.

His after history as wolf killer, daring rider, soldier in the French and Indian war, and Major General under Washington, is a familiar leaf of American history. And the mental picture of the patriot farmer quitting his plow for the sword, when the call of Lexington and Concord brought a nation to its feet, has become the permanent inspiration of American youth.

Although not one of the greatest commanders in the Revolutionary War, general Putnam was one of the boldest leaders, whose

fitness for military service was deeply appreciated by Washington. Among the many honors that have been bestowed upon General Israel Putnam in recognition of his worth and signal services to his country, a beautiful and costly bronze tablet was dedicated to his memory by the General Israel Putnam Chapter D.A.R. assisted by members of the organizations in Boston, Gloucester, Greenfield, Newburyport, Lawrence, and other places. The tablet is of ground malted finish, with large raised letters, the whole surmounted by a heavy border. The inscription is as follows:
"Here was born General Israel Putnam, Jan. 7, 1718. Erected by the General Israel Putnam Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. 1897. The above tablet was placed on the western corner of the house in which Putnam was born.

The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, January, 1834 gives a short notice of the Putnam Association of America, and their annual report of meeting held at Danvers, Mass., Sept.14, 1833, at which was unveiled the tablet that had been placed on the birth-place of Israel Putnam. Together with report of the address delivered by George Haven Putnam, Litt.D. Taylor, Lester, C.R. Putnam's Sons, 1925. 15c. Address G.H.Putnam's Sons, The Knicker-bocker Press, New York City.

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"If the ovation of time have not borne the spirit of the original Henry Silsby too far away to witness the numerous Silsby's who have sprung from his fatherly efforts while on earth, his spiritual heart must rejoice and be glad to see the great host of descendants as well as the eminence many of them have attained, notably, the large number of scholars, financiers, statesmen and musicians now scattered throughout the country.

Among the many incidents connected with Henry's descendants, the following is of interest:
Lydia Silsby was the great granddaughter of the original Henry, through the line of Ephraim[2] and Henry[3]. She was published 21 Sept. 1755 to Nehemiah Diamond, son of John Diamond. They were married and had children, viz., Samuel, and Richard (who died in 1768), and Mary who, marrying Robert Pitcher, 2 October 1760, became the well known Molly Pitcher. Robert Pitcher was one of the heroes of the Revolution who, at the battle of Monmouth, June 28, 1778, was killed while in charging a cannon. His wife Mary was in the midst of the fight, cheering on the men, and seeing her husband struck down, she quickly took his place as loader, and has ever since been known in history as the famous Molly Pitcher. Washington commended her bravery and gave her a commission as sergeant. An interesting sketch of her may be found in Lewis's History of Lynn, pp. 774-6. A portrait of her standing, loading the cannon, was painted by C. Y. Turner, N. A. The foregoing data in regard to Molly Pitcher was gathered by the historical department of Essex Institute of Massachusetts, and is published in their historical records. This fact alone should stamp it as reliable and exact.

Further information in regard to her is copied from an editorial which appeared in the Boston Daily Globe: "Molly Pitcher, one of most picturesque characters in the Revolutionary war, is buried in forgotten grave below Cranston's, on the beautiful valley of the Hudson. There are very few people in the neighborhood itself who are aware of the fact. She served on the field of battle during those trying days, was made a full fledged sergeant by General Washington himself for bravery displayed, was afterwards made a captain by

brevet, and on the recommendation of Washington, her name was placed on the half pay list of the army for life. The part that this woman played at the capture of Fort Montgomery and Fort Clinton, and her valorous work at the battle of Monmouth have been recorded on history's pages. But her subsequent life is surrounded by more or less fog. As nearly as can be learned she died in 1789, as the records at West Point show that at that date her name ceases to appear on the commissary's books. She was buried on land owned by Capt. David Faurot. It is now part of J. Pierpont Morgan's summer estate. The grave, which is marked by a rude headstone, is hidden by a clump of small cedars down near the river bank. There can be no question that this is Capt. Molly's grave, as I found several residents of the Hudson Highlands who have often had the spot pointed out to them by their parents, who knew Capt. Molly personally, and saw her remains planted there.

Boston Globe. "

It is stated that the Silsby family were related to the Dudley fam. Or perhaps it is meant that the David Dean family were related to the Siddle family.

Vol.11, page 89, Bangor Historical Magazine.

LEVI BOWKER.

Inscriptions in the cemetery at Machias, Maine, is the following: "July 28, 1850, Mr. Levi Bowker, born in Scituate, Mass., July 25, 1763, died July 28, 1850,- a soldier of the Revolutionary war.

Revolutionary pensioners in Washington county under act of March 18, 1818. Levi Bowker of Mass. Line age 71 (See Bangor Hist.Mag., Vol. VI, page 45)--also, under sketches of Early Settlers of Machias: LEVI BOWKER from Scituate, Mass.

SILSBY.

Bangor Historical Magazine, Vol. 5, page 94. page 202.
Molly Osgood born June 19, 1783; married Goodale Silsby Feb. 9, 1819; died March 25, 1835.

Bangor Hist. Magazine, Vol. 5, page 93. Goodell Silsby Jr., married Myrtilla or Matilda, born Aug. 16, 1808.

" A brief sketch of the lives of the five Silsby's whose names appear on a Memorial Window placed in the Congregational Church at Amherst, Maine, in August, 1908, to-wit:

Captain Goodall Silsby (born 1760)
Deacon Samuel Silsby (born 1785)
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David Silsby (born 1794)
Deacon Roswell Silsby (born 1799)

Written by George Selden Silsby

During the thirteenth century there was conferred upon our ancient ancestor, the Silsbee Coat of Arms, of which the writer of this has a rough copy. Of its quaint figures and curious colorings we have nothing to do in this sketch. The Motto on the coat of arms was written in the form of the French language that was used some eight hundred years ago, and was as follows, - " Uny Deiu, Uny Loy;" - or if written in more modern French it would be, - "Une Deiu, Une Loi," - meaning, - "ONE GOD, ONE LAW."

This coat of arms was obtained in England several years ago by the Rev. William Silsby, - born in Salem, Mass., in 1816, who was abroad searching the Silsby records, and it is introduced here solely because of the motto, " One God, One Law,"- On this occasion it becomes of special significance to us to know that our ancestors recognized and believed in One God and His Divine Law. - Passing on for a period of five centuries we come to the more modern ancestry of the five brothers whose Memorial Window is to be unveiled today by their grateful descendants.

Henry Silsby was born in suburban London in the year 1608, just three hundred years ago. Upon attaining his majority in 1629, he came to America and settled in Salem, Mass. Henry Silsby was not specially prominent in town affairs, although his name occurs frequently in the Wills of his neighbors, overseer, assessor, &c. He was always active in church matters and in acts of charity, - being noted for his high and consistent Christian character. Like his remote ancestor, he believed in One God and His Law.

The churches at that time were very different from those of today; - roughly made, with hard wooden benches and with no way of warming them in winter, - our present comfortable places of worship are palaces of luxury in comparison.

The direct line of descent from Henry to the five brothers whose names we this day commemorate, was as follows, viz.,

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After enduring such tortures as these for nine long months, Captain Samuel was paroled to be exchanged. Upon receiving his parole he returned to Acworth, N. H., in the year 1777.
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v. Mitchell Silsby, born 11 August 1789.
vi. Lydia Putnam Silsby, born 1790.
vii. Benjamin Silsby, born 19 April 1792.
viii. David Silsby, born 14 August 1794.
ix. Harvey Silsby, born 1797.
x. Roswell Silsby, born 5 September 1799.
xi. Hannah Silsby, born 6 March 1803.

All of the above children were born in Acworth, N.H., excepting Hannah, who was born in Vermont, but the family moved to Charleston, N. H., where they lived until they came to Maine.

During the year 1804, Goodell Silsby left Charleston, N.H.

for what is now Amherst, Maine, making the trip from Portland in a sailing vessel via Ellsworth. Before reaching Ellsworth the vessel was frozen in in Ellsworth Bay, and Goodell proceeded on up to Mariaville where he worked during the winter for Mr. Daniel Epps. It was while there that he became acquainted with Miss Sally Epps, whom he subsequently married.

The following spring he proceeded up to Amherst, (which was then a part of Mariaville), built a log house or camp and commenced to clear his farm. He located close to the West branch of Union River. At that time nearly all of the territory above Ellsworth was known as Mariaville. This territory was a part of the so-called Bingham Purchase and was incorporated under the name of Mariaville, the name being chosen in honor of Mr. Bingham's daughter, Miss Maria Bingham.

When Goodell Silsby arrived at his destination, that whole section of country was practically an unbroken forest without a single house within the present limits of Amherst and Aurora; - surely a condition that would seem most discouraging to young men of the present generation, - but not so with Goodell: imbued with the unconquerable spirit of his native hills he was full of enthusiasm as he was dauntless. To make for himself a home out of the natural resources of the forest and stream seemed more like a blessed privilege than a hardship.

He informed his home family in Charleston, N.H., that the location afforded a fine chance for strong young men to locate and build up a town. The result was that in the winter of 1807-8, Samuel, Mitchell and Benjamin Silsby decided to follow Goodell. They came to Portland with their oldest brother Wendell Silsby, who went there with a load of produce to sell. Leaving Portland they proceeded on foot via Bath, Rockland, Camden, Belfast and Bucksport. At that time there were but few roads and those were of the roughest kind. From Portland to Bucksport they travelled much of the distance in what was called "horse paths"; - while from Bucksport their course was directly through the great forest ON SNOW SHOES, guided only by "spotted trees".

At the end of this fatiguing journey these hardy young pioneers received a warm welcome from their brother Goodell at his hospitable camp. After a brief rest, they proceeded into what is now Aurora, secured land for farms, built camps and commenced felling trees, toiling from early dawn to latest daylight through those long and dark wintry days until snow and frost had yielded to the warmth of spring, when they had cleared and prepared for seed sufficient land to furnish them with a Year's supply of food.

Later on, in 1808 or 1809, Captain Samuel Silsby Senior, with his wife Hannah and children Lydia Putnam Silsby (named for her aunt Lydia Putnam-Goodell), David, Harvey, Roswell and Hannah, went from Charleston, N.H., to Mariaville, Maine, taking up and occupying the lots since known as the "Old Silsby Place". They made the journey from Portland to Ellsworth in a sailing vessel and from thence up the river in an old-fashioned boat called a batteaux.

Mariaville was first occupied in 1802. The names of the pioneer settlers are Mr. Fabrick, Seth Alcott, B. and D. Epps, James Hapworth and Elisha Goodwin. Previous to its incorporation as a town it was called Bingham, as was Aurora, Amherst

and Waltham. Out of the original Mariaville, the towns of Aurora, Amherst and Waltham were taken.

Aurora was one of the so-called "Lottery Townships" and was organized as Plantation #27 in 1822 and incorporated as a town in 1831. Prior to its organization as a Plantation, it was known as "Bingham". The name Aurora was suggested by the mythological name for morning.

Amherst was incorporated as a town in the same year with Aurora, in 1831. It was named for Amherst, N.H. - Settlement is supposed to have commenced in 1804 when Captain Goodell Silsby came in, and before 1808 had closed there had come in, also, Moses Kimball, Asahel Foster, Jesse Giles, Joseph Day, Judah West and Captain Elisha Chick.

Another account written several years ago, says, "It is thought that men began to come in and fell trees as early as 1803. Among the first to come was Mr. Chapman, Mr. Whitman, Mr. Shumway, John Barker, John Giles, Thomas Harpworth and Mr. Graves. Mr. Chapman made a beginning on the lot now occupied by Wendell Silsby, and was soon succeeded by Deacon Judah West.

Mr. Shumway commenced on the lot now occupied by John W. Hickerson. John Barker made a clearing on the lot now occupied by Moody A. Foster. Mr. Graves made an opening on the lot afterwards occupied by Nahum West.

In 1805 Captain Goodell Silsby came in from Charleston, N.H. In 1807 his parents came and took up the lots now known as the "Old Silsby Place", where they lived until the father died in 1826.

In 1808, Asahel Foster from Bridgton, Maine, took up the lot on which he lived until his death in 1851. In 1809, Captain Elisha Chick from Shapleigh, Maine, commenced on his lots on which he died in 1870. Soon after this Mr. Moses Kimball from Waterboro, Maine, succeeded Mr. Whitman, who had taken up the lot now occupied by Stephen C. Rankin. In 1832, Messrs. Tisdale and Hewins of Boston, erected a Tannery in town;on the West Branch of Union River. In 1833, a saw-mill was built near it. The first clapboard and shingle mill in town was built on Chick's Brook in 1834.

The Tannery, in 1841, was purchased by Charles O. Fanning of Cummington, Mass., who sold it in 1855 to the present owner, A. H. Buzzell"".

Nearly all of the above original settlers, together with others who came later, were in sympathy with the building of this church and many of them contributed liberally toward it. In this connection it is not invidious to mention Charles O. Fanning who was one of the largest contributors, and Captain Elisha Chick, who not only gave the large lot upon which the church stands, in fee simple forever, but he contributed some forty days of valuable labor to the enterprise. It would be most interesting to all who are interested in this church, if some one would write a full history of it, giving names of all who aided in the building, supporting and maintaining it down to the present time; that the full history might be filed with the church records for all time; such a history could not be given in a paper of this character; this is written primarily

to give a brief genealogical sketch of the five brothers in loving remembrance of whom this Memorial Window has been placed in the church that was so sacred to them, and incidentally of those who worked with them along the same lines.

In closing let me again call attention to the great controlling fact that belief in One God and His Law by our ancient ancestor, the recipient of the Coat of Arms, came down through the many generations to the five brothers by heredity and was made the rule and guide of their lives.

Who can fitly measure the mighty influence for good of Godly men and women? Who indeed can picture the wondrous work of these five brothers and their helpers in laying the foundation for these two towns, for this dear old church and for the moral and spiritual uplift of all the people?

Surely the grandeur and beauty of the Motto of our fathers, " I believe in One God, One Law", should become the guide of our every action as it did those of our fathers and dominate our lives as it did theirs, and thus become to us a priceless boon and blessing.

And now, may all that was pure and sweet and true in their lives be to us their children, an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that which fadeth not away."

Family of Deacon Samuel Silsby of Aurora, Maine, first wife, Sally Mann: second wife, Lovicey (Leighton) Osgood.

Sally Mann[7] (maternal genealogical line as follows: Sarah[6] Tibbetts (No.), William[5], a Revolutionary soldier, Capt. Benjamin[4], Henry[3], Jeremiah[2], Henry[1]), was born 25 Sept. 1789, in what is now Holden, Maine, a suburb of Bangor. She was the eldest child of David and Sarah (Tibbetts) (Osgood) Mann of Brewer, now Holden, Maine.

She married in Brewer, now Holden, Maine, 17 March 1812, Samuel[6] Silsby of Aurora, Maine. She died in Aurora, 9 July 1854, the mother of seven children.

She was the grand-daughter of Thomas[4] and Mary (Blake) Mann of Franklin, Mass. This is an English name and was spelled Man by the earlier generations. Her Mann genealogical line is as follows: (David[3], her father, a Revolutionary soldier and pensioner, Thomas[4], Theodore[3], Rev. Samuel[2], William[1]). See Mann Genealogy.

After her death, Deacon Samuel Silsby married for his second wife 17 Sept. 1855, Mrs. Lovicey (Leighton) Osgood, in Columbia, Maine, born 26 May 1797 in Columbia, Maine, and died in Aurora, Maine 25 July 1872 aged 75 years, widow of Stephen Osgood and daughter of Isaac and Mary (Wooster) Leighton of Steuben, Maine, and grand-daughter of Samuel Leighton (Revolutionary soldier who served from Gouldsborough, Maine), and Dorcas Bunker his wife.

Deacon Samuel Silsby was born 3 April 1785, in Ackworth, New Hampshire, and, in young manhood, removed with his brothers in 1808 to what is now Aurora, Maine. (See account of his settlement in Aurora on page of this book). He died in Aurora, 14 January 1871, aged 86 years, buried in Aurora cemetery. He was the third son and fourth child of Capt. Samuel[5] and Hannah (Goodell) Silsby of Ackworth, New Hampshire, and Charlestown, New Hampshire, who were in 1808-9 among the first settlers of what is now Aurora, Maine. He was a long time Deacon in the church and always prominent in his community. His name and the names of four of his brothers appear on a memorial window placed in the Congregational church at Amherst, Maine, in August, 1908. His farm at Aurora, Maine, which he cleared from the primeval forest has now been in the family 118 years and is owned (1926) by his grandson, Herbert Trafton Silsby.

The Silsby genealogical line of Deacon Samuel[6] Silsby was as follows:

Henry[1] (born in 1608), Jonathan[2] (born in 1650), Jonathan[3] (born in 1678), Samuel[4] (born in 1726), and Capt. Samuel[5], his father, who was born in 1755 and was a Revolutionary soldier and pensioner, his Revolutionary service record to be found on page of this book.

Deacon Samuel was a descendant in the sixth generation of Henry[1] Silsby the immigrant who was born in London, England, in the year 1608 and came to this country in 1629 when he was 21 years of age (his wife's name was Dorothy. (See pages in this book which contain many records of the Silsby family).

Family of Deacon Samuel Silsby of Aurora, Maine, first wife, Sally Mann: second wife, Lovicey (Leighton) Osgood. (cont.

Deacon Samuel Silsby was one of the first settlers of Aurora, Maine. He built a log house on the northerly edge of his clearing and here his three older children were born. During the year of 1819 he built the well known and commodious house which is still standing and is now (1926) about 107 years old. All of the timber in this house was taken from the primeval forest, on the land he had taken up, and all of the sills and other timbers were hewn into shape with a broad ax and chalk line by Samuel himself - all pure old time white pine, and today there is not a decayed piece of timber in the building. Deacon Samuel lived in this house until his death 14 Jan. 1871. His youngest son, Charles Payson Silsby continued to occupy the house until his death 6 July 1911. Since then, Herbert Trafton Silsby, son of Charles Payson Silsby has lived in the house and has kept it in excellent condition.

Children of Deacon Samuel Silsby by his first wife Sally (Mann), all born in what is now Aurora, Maine, as follows:

i. Lewis Silsby, born 23 April 1813; married 26 July 1833, Mary Smith of Marisville, Maine, born there 15 Feb. 1813. He died at Aurora, Maine, 14 Dec. 1890. She died in Aurora, Maine, 11 May 1903 aged 90 years, 2 mos. 25 days. No children.

ii. Mary Silsby, born 14 Nov. 1814; married Abram C. Fernald, 21 Oct. 1842. She died at Amherst, Maine, 24 Jan. 1847, aged 33 years. Only child: 1. Annie, who married Edward B. Silsby, M. D., of Rockland, Me., one of Maine's most skillful physicians and public-spirited citizens, the son of Roswell Silsby second (No), and his wife Harriet M. Skinner.

iii. Susan Silsby, born 21 March 1816; married John Tracy Goodwin in 1836. He was born 1 Dec. 1813, and died in Amherst, Maine, 2 Dec. 1896 aged 83 years and 1 day. She died at Amherst, 26 July 1894. Their children were: 1. Silsby Goodwin; 2. Amanda Goodwin-Haynes; 3. Cortie Goodwin-Haynes; 4. Annie Goodwin-Haynes; 5. Cora Goodwin-Bridgham.

iv. Newell Silsby, born 21 Sept. 1820; married in Amherst, Maine, Serena G. Chick, born 13 March 1825 in Amherst, Maine. She died in Amherst 17 March 1912. Their children were: 1. Luella. 2. Fred. 3. Charles.

v. Harvey Silsby, born 5 March 1824. He was drowned in Union river at Marisville, Maine, 5 Nov. 1850 aged 26 years; unmarried.

vi. Joseph Tilden Silsby, born 3 Sept. 1826; resided in Aurora, Maine, died there 31 Jan. 1904 aged 77 years 4 mos. 23 days.

Family of Deacon Samuel Silsby
first wife, Sally Mann: second wife, Lovicey
(Leighton) Osgood. (Cont.

He married Sarah Richardson at Aurora, Maine. She was born 1 August 1836 and died at Aurora, Maine 12 April 1894 aged 57 years, 8 mos. 12 days. Their children were: 1. Harvey Llewelyn, born 12 Oct. 1857; 2. Emily B., born 8 March 1860 married Harvey L. Silsby; 3. Howard, born died in 1891. 4. Rosa, married Frank Gregg of Amherst, Maine.

vii. Sylvester Clapp Silsby, born 3 July 1834. In 1856 when he was 22 years of age, he went west and stayed for a short time in St. Anthony Falls, Minnesota, and then joined the first emigrant company that came along for Idaho Territory and settled in Idaho City. Not long afterward he was appointed County Treasurer. After Abraham Lincoln was first elected President, Sylvester was appointed Postmaster and held the office until he died 10 June 1907, thus rounding out a term of nearly 47 years. He married Lula F. Miller of Idaho City, and they had one daughter, Mamie Silsby, who married James Horenberger of Idaho City. After Sylvester Silsby died his daughter Mamie was appointed postmistress of Idaho City, and she has held the office continuously up to the present time (1926).

Children of Deacon Samuel Silsby by his second wife, Lovicey (Leighton) Osgood:
Deacon Samuel Silsby and his second wife Lovicey (Leighton) Osgood had two sons, both born in Aurora, Maine, as follows:

viii. George Selden[7] Silsby, born in Aurora, Maine 10 August 1836; married Mary Shaw Rich of Winterport, Maine, 18 March 1857. She died 30 December 1898. He has never re-married. He resided for many years in Bangor, Maine, and for nineteen years was president of the Silsby-Mann-Blake-Osgood family reunions, which meetings were held annually. About 1910, he and his daughter Mae, (now Mrs. Alfred Augustus White), removed from Bangor, Maine, to Coldwater, Kansas, where he still resides (1926) at the age of ninety years, and is actively engaged in business. He is justice of the peace, Trial Justice and Police Judge, and is agent for the Franklin Fire Insurance Company. He has always taken great interest in matters pertaining to family history and has collected much interesting data relating to the Silsby family. To him the compiler is indebted for all the material herein given relating to the Silsby family and the Leighton family, and for many items in regard to the children of Stephen and Lovicey (Leighton) Osgood, all of whom were his half-brothers and sisters.
Only child: 1. Mae[8] Silsby, born 27 March 1863; is a talented musician and was for several years a teacher of piano in Bangor, Maine. She removed with her father from Bangor, Maine

to Coldwater, Kansas in 1910, where they still reside and she presides over the home for her father and her husband. She married in Wichata, Kans., 4 Nov. 1910, Alfred Augustus White who is a merchant (wholesale and retail) in Coldwater, Kans. He was formerly Supt. of Maine Central R.R. for eight years. No children.

ix. Charles Payson[7] Silsby, born in Aurora, Maine, 22 October 1838; died 6 July 1911, in Aurora, Maine; buried in Aurora cemetery. He married first, 27 November 1859 Olive L. Trafton. She died without issue 1 February 1863, and was buried at Alfred, Maine, her former home.
He married secondly, 4 September 1864, Fannie H. Sands of Bluehill, Maine. Fannie was one of the most successful and popular teachers in Hancock County, Maine. Even after she was married and all of her time taken up with household duties, together with rearing a new group of teachers of her own, she was eagerly sought by school districts in every direction.

Children of Charles Payson Silsby and Fannie H. Sands his wife, all born in Aurora, Maine, as follows:

1. Herbert Trafton[8] Silsby, born 18 Nov. 1866; resides in the old Silsby home in Aurora, Maine, which was built by his grandfather. He owns and runs all the telephones in that section. He married 30 Oct. 1890, Margaret Fannie Schoppe of Beddington, Maine, born 16 Dec. 1869 in Beddington. She had been a very successful teacher.

Children, of Herbert Trafton and Margaret Fannie (Schoppe) Silsby, all born in Aurora, Maine, as follows:

(1) Fannie Lois[9] Silsby, born 3 April 1891; became a teacher; married 8 Jan. 1913, Adelbert Earl Bridges of Brewer, Maine. Children (surname Bridges): 1. Raymond Earl, b. 14 July 1914, died 31 March 1915. 2. Donald Earl, b. 20 Feb. 1918.

(2) Mary Cushman[9] Silsby, born 20 March 1893; became a teacher; married L. Frank Burrill of Dedham, Me. Two children (surname Burrill): 1. Eleanor Silsby, b. 25 July 1917. 2. Margaret Frances, born 25 Sept. 1922.

(3) Alice Josephine[9] Silsby, born 4 June 1896; is a trained nurse.

(4) Samuel[9] Silsby, M.B.,A.M. (McGill Univ., Montreal, Canada, 1926), born 18 Oct. 1898; was graduated from Bangor, Maine, High School in 1922; was graduated from McGill University, at Montreal, Canada, in June, 1926 and received from there the degree of Master of Art. He married Ella Shorey of Enfield, Maine, 1 Sept. 1926.

(5) William Sands[9] Silsby, born 15 May 1902; will be graduated from McGill University in the class of 1927. He married Myrtle Coombs of Winter Harbor, Maine, 25 July 1924. Children: 1. Herbert Trafton Silsby, born 1925. 2. William Sands Silsby, Jr., born 28 Aug. 1926 at Aurora, Maine.

(6) Charles Selden[9] Silsby, D.D.S. (McGill Univ., Montreal, Canada, 1926) born 11 April 1903; was graduated from Bangor, Maine High School in 1922; was graduated from McGill University at Montreal, Canada, in 1926 with degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. He and his brothers have maintained very high standing in their college courses and have been a distinct credit to their preparatory school, the Bangor High School.

2. Helen Lovicey[8] Silsby, born ; married first, 25 Nov. 1896, Everett W. Silsby, born 16 Nov. 1857, died in Bangor, Maine, 31 July 1898, the son of Roswell Silsby 2nd and Harriet M. Skinner his wife. She married secondly a Mr. Mace in Bangor, Me.

3. Bernice[8] Silsby, born : youngest child of Charles Payson Silsby and Fannie H. Sands his wife.

Family of Deacon Benjamin and Polly (Mann) Silsby
of Aurora, Maine.

Polly Mann[7] (maternal Genealogical line as follows: Sarah[6] Tibbetts (No.), William[5], a Revolutionary soldier, Capt. Benjamin[4] Henry[3], Jeremiah[2], Henry[1]), was born 16 June 1791 in Brewer (what is now Holden), Maine, a suburb of Bangor. She was the second daughter of David and Sarah (Tibbetts) (Osgood) Mann of Brewer, now Holden, Maine.

She married in Brewer, now Holden, Maine, 9 March 1815, Benjamin[6] Silsby of Aurora, Maine, who, in later life, was for many years a Deacon in the Congregational Church.

She died in Aurora, Maine, 28 March 1865, aged 74 years, the mother of nine children.

She was the grand-daughter of Thomas[4] and Mary (Blake) Mann of Wrentham, Mass. This is an English surname and was spelled Man by the earlier generations. Her Mann genealogical line is as follows: (David[3], her father, a Revolutionary soldier and pensioner, Thomas[4], Theodore[3], Rev. Samuel[2], William[1]). (See Mann Genealogy).

Deacon Benjamin Silsby was born 18 April 1772 in Acworth, New Hampshire, and, in young manhood removed with his brothers in 1808 to what is now Aurora, Maine. (See account of his settlement in Aurora on page of this book). He died in Aurora, Maine, 13 June 1859, aged 87 years, 1 month, 26 days; buried in Aurora cemetery.

He was the fifth son and seventh child of Capt. Samuel[5] Silsby, a Revolutionary soldier, and Hannah Goodell his wife of Acworth, New Hampshire, and Charleston, New Hampshire, who were in 1808-9 among the first settlers of what is now Aurora, Maine. His name and the names of four of his brothers appear on a memorial window placed in the Congregational Church at Amherst, Maine, in August, 1908.

The Silsby genealogical line of Deacon Benjamin[6] Silsby is as follows:

Henry[1] (born in 1608), Jonathan[2] (born in 1650), Jonathan[3] (born in 1678), Samuel[4] (born in 1726), and Capt. Samuel[5], his father, who was born in 1755 and was a Revolutionary soldier and pensioner, his Revolutionary service record to be found on page of this book.

Deacon Benjamin was a descendant in the sixth generation of Henry[1] Silsby the immigrant who was born in London, England, in the year 1608 and came to this country in 1629 when he was 21 years of age (his wife's name was Dorothy). (See pages in this book which contain many records of the Silsby family).

Children of Deacon Benjamin[6] Silsby and Polly Mann his wife, all born in Aurora, Maine, as follows:

Note: The generation numbers below follow out the Silsby genealogical line:

i. Leonard[7] Silsby, born 18 Aug. 1816, in Aurora, Maine; died

in Aurora, Maine, 28 Dec. 1887, buried in Aurora cemetery. He spent his entire life on the farm in Aurora given him by his father. He married first, 1 Jan. 1845, Mercy E. Edgerly, born 2 Aug. 1825, died in Aurora 13 Jan. 1857, buried in Aurora cemetery. He married secondly, Paulina H. Hammond, born 24 Jan. 1830.

Children by first wife, all born in Aurora, Maine:

1. Sarah Ellen[8] Silsby, born 8 Feb. 1846; married Emory O. Jordan 22 April 1868. Emory O. Jordan was the adopted son of Lewis Silsby (No.). Only child: Arthur Lewis Jordan, born 21 June 1887.

2. Edward Granville[8] Silsby, born 9 April 1848; died 2 Sept. 1850.

3. William Gray[8] Silsby, born 4 Nov. 1849; died 4 April 1857.

4. John K.[8] Silsby, born 16 July 1851; married 28 Aug. 1877, at Aurora, Maine, Ella F. Richardson who was born at Aurora, Maine. They had four children when this record was obtained:
   1. Maurice J., born 22 March 1878. 2. Maud Edna, born 1 Aug. 1881. 3. Harry Granville, born 8 Nov. 1885. 4. "Baby" (name not given) born 19 Dec. 1889.

5. Mercy P.[8] Silsby, born 30 July 1854; married Hunter A. Roberts, 25 Jan. 1875, and moved to Bangor, Maine. No children.

Children of Leonard Silsby by second wife:

6. Edson Lincoln[8] Silsby, born 27 March 1860.

7. Ida Lucinda[8] Silsby, born 16 June 1861; married William F. Moore, 16 June 1880. Only child:
   1. Leonard W. Moore, born 3 March 1885.

8. Olive P.[8] Silsby, born 6 Nov. 1869; married Emery Jordan, 22 Sept. 1888; moved to Bangor.

ii. Horace[7] Silsby, A.B. (Dartmouth College, 1846), born in Aurora, Maine, 10 May 1818; died 14 May 1888 in Hampden, Maine. He married Sophia Clark, 18 Dec. 1849. (Further records hereafter).

iii. Roswell[7] Silsby 2nd, born in Aurora, Maine, 17 July 1819; died in Aurora, Maine, 14 April 1896. He married Harriet M. Skinner 29 May 1844. She died 26 June 1863 in Aurora.

Family of Deacon Benjamin and Polly (Mann) Silsby
of Aurora, Maine. (cont.

Roswell 2nd and Harriet M (Skinner) Silsby had Ten children, all born in Aurora, Maine, as follows:

1. Maria J.[8] Silsby, born 2 March 1845; died in Boston, Mass., in 1896.

2. George F.[8] Silsby, born 12 Feb. 1847; married Ida Foster and moved to Everett, Mass.

3. Henry W.[8] Silsby, born 29 Sept. 1848; moved to Petaluma, Calif. He married Dora

4. Harriet A.[8] Silsby, born 13 March 1851.

5. Edward B.[8] Silsby, M.D., born 8 May 1853; became one of Maine's most skillful physicians and located in Rockland, Maine. He married Annie Fernald, daughter of Abram C. Fernald whose first wife was Mary Silsby (See No.). He was survived by his wife Annie who resides in Rockland and has charge of some of the hospitals which he built.

6. Albion W.[8] Silsby, born 5 Feb. 1855; married Maria Foster of Amherst, Maine, and moved to Montecenio, Washington.

7. Everett W.[8] Silsby, born 16 Nov. 1857; died in Bangor, Maine, 31 July 1898, and was buried in the old cemetery at Aurora, Maine. He married 25 Nov. 1896, Helen Lovicey Silsby, daughter of Charles Payson Silsby of Aurora, Maine, and Fannie H. Sands his wife. Mrs. Helen Lovicey (Silsby) Silsby married secondly a Mr. Mace in Bangor, Maine.

8. Emily B.[8] Silsby, born 8 March 1860; died in Aurora, Maine, 15 Feb. 1898. She married Harvey Llewellyn Silsby, the son of Joseph Tilden Silsby and Sarah Richardson his wife, of Aurora, Maine (See No.). Harvey Llewellyn Silsby was born at Aurora Maine 12 Oct. 1857; died there 9 Jan. 1907

9. Cora D.[8] Silsby, born ; married F. D. Blackden. Moved to 59 Chestnut St., Everett, Mass.

10. Myra[8] Silsby, born 19 Dec. 1864; was youngest child of Roswell Silsby 2nd and Harriet M. Skinner his wife.

iv. McAdoll[7] Silsby, born in Aurora, Maine, 28 Jan. 1821; died in Ellsworth, Maine, 17 Jan. 1896, aged 74 years, 11 mos. 17 days. He married 21 July 1846, Hannah Saunders, born at Bucksport, Maine, 27 May 1823; died at Ellsworth, Maine, 30 Sept. 1904. They resided at Amherst, Maine, removing from there to Ellsworth, Maine. Five children, all born in Amherst, Maine, as follows:

1. Helen L.[8] Silsby, born 20 June 1847; died 23 Aug. 1851, aged 4 years.

2. Laura R.[8] Silsby, born 20 Aug. 1849; married 1 March 1880, James A. Larrabee. Moved to East Boston. Two children (surname Larrabee):
   1. Alfred W., born 28 Aug. 1881 at East Boston, Mass. 2. Blanche E., born 12 Aug. 1882 at Winthrop, Maine.

3. Alfred M.[8] Silsby, born 29 March 1851; died 3 May 1871, at Clifton, Maine, by being run over by a heavily-loaded team, - an accident. He was unmarried.

4. Luella S.[8] Silsby, born 18 May 1854; married 4 March 1875, Henry J. Vague of Foxcroft, Maine. She died at Foxcroft, 21 March 1892.

5. Caddie M.[8] Silsby, born 23 July 1859; married Roscoe G. Taylor, 11 Nov. 1877. Moved to Ellsworth, Maine.

v. Lucinda[8] Silsby, born in Aurora, Maine, 23 Dec. 1824; married in Aurora, Maine, 2 March 1852, Benjamin S. Osgood, the son of Stephen and Lovicey (Leighton) Osgood (See No.). They removed to St. Paul, Minn. She died Jan. 1901 in St. Paul, Minn. They had two sons. (See complete records of their family under No.).

vi. Emily[8] Silsby (twin, born in Aurora, Maine, 12 Sept. 1826; died in St. Paul, Minn., 25 July 1883. She taught in the public schools of Aurora, Maine, and was a very successful and popular teacher. She married in Aurora, Maine, 31 July 1857, Harvey Fitch Blodgett of New Bedford, Mass. Soon after their marriage they moved from New Bedford, Mass. to Anoka, Minn., and thus were among the pioneers of that state. Harvey Fitch Blodgett, Esq., became a very prominent man in Anoka, being elected at one time a member of the state legislature. About the year 1869 he removed with his family to St. Paul, Minn., and associated himself with Benjamin S. Osgood (his wife's brother-in-law) in partnership, in the manufacturing of boxes, refrigerators and other cabinet work. He died in St. Paul, Minn., 8 Jan. 1883. Five children, as follows:

   1. Cora Frances Blodgett[9], born 3 July 1858; attended Wellesley College one year; was teacher of English in the St. Paul, Minn. High School for a few years. She married 12 Oct. 1887, Charles L. Power of St. Paul, who is treasurer of the St. Paul Iron Foundry Co. They have one child, namely, Fred Stanley Power, born 2 Dec. 1890.

   2. May Adelle Blodgett[9], born 1 May 1861; is a

teacher in the St. Paul, Minn. schools and has spent much time in study.

3. Fred Silsby Blodgett[9], born 8 Dec. 1863; married 30 Nov. 1886, Fannie L. West of St. Paul, Minn. Two children, as follows:
   1. Harvey Prestbury Blodgett, born 19 Oct. 1888.
   2. Leonard Silsby Blodgett, born 10 Jan. 1891.

4. Clara Emily Blodgett[9], born 13 Sept. 1866; married 9 Sept. 1891, Charles A. Bennett of Holden, Mass., who was then Principal of the Manual Training School of St. Paul, Minn. He is now Professor of Mechanic Arts in the Teachers College of New York City where they now reside.

5. Harvey Alvaro Blodgett[9], born 24 Jan. 1869; married 24 Jan. 1893. Sadie Matthews Baker of St. Paul, Minn., where they now reside. They had but one child when this record was obtained, namely, Harold Edwin Blodgett, born 14 Oct. 1893.

vii. Benjamin[8] Silsby (twin), born in Aurora, Maine, 12 Sept. 1826; died 20 Sept. 1826, one week old.

viii. Benjamin Franklin[8] Silsby, born in Aurora, Maine, 8 June 1829; married Laura J. Hartshorn, 8 Jan. 1865. Moved to Boston, Mass.
Children:

1. Charles P.[9] Silsby. 2. Nellie D.[9] Silsby.

ix. Polly Philena[8] Silsby, born in Aurora, Maine, 24 April 1831, was the youngest child of Deacon Benjamin and Polly (Mann) Silsby of Aurora, Maine. She married in Aurora, Maine, 1 Oct. 1849, Addison Waldo Brown of Dalton, Mass., who was born in 1822. They lived in Aurora, Maine about four years then came to Dalton, Mass. where they spent the remainder of their lives. She died in Dalton, Mass., 25 Dec. 1890, aged 59 years, 8 mos. She was a woman of great strength of character and remarkable ability; was loved and respected by all.
Addison Waldo Brown served in the Civil War; enlisted from Dalton, Mass., in Co. K, 49th Regiment, Gen. Banks' Division which went to New Orleans for the protection of Port Hudson. He died in Dalton, Mass., April, 1899, aged 77 years.
Six children, as follows (surname Brown), all born in Dalton, Mass.:

Family of Deacon Benjamin and Polly (Mann) Silsby
of Aurora, Maine. (cont.

1. George Neal Brown, born 24 April 1854; is a farmer and lives in Dalton, Mass. He married 5 March 1879, Alice Amanda Benton of Dalton, Mass.
Child:
1. Herbert Benton Brown, born 27 Feb. 1883.

2. Ella Silsby Brown, born 9 Jan. 1859; was for nine years a school teacher, after which she resided at home with her parents.

3. Edward Lewis Brown, born 3 April 1861; is a farmer; resides in Dalton, Mass., where he is prominent in town and public affairs.

4. Albert Waldo Brown, born 5 Dec. 1862; died of scarlet fever 25 March 1864, aged 2 years, 4 mos., 20 days.

5. Carrie Frances Brown, born 4 April 1865; was for several years book-keeper in a large dry-goods store in Pittsfield, Mass.

6. Frank Howard Brown, born 22 Nov. 1874; was for several years book-keeper and collector in a freight house in Pittsfield, Mass.

Note:
The above records of descendants of Deacon Benjamin and Polly (Mann) Silsby were compiled from records contributed by George Selden Silsby, Esq., of Coldwater, Kansas (formerly of Bangor, Maine).

Family of Deacon Roswell and Eunice (Mann) Silsby
of Aurora, Maine.

Eunice Mann[7] (maternal genealogical line as follows: Sarah[6] Tibbetts (No.), William[5], a Revolutionary soldier, Capt. Benjamin[4], Henry[3], Jeremiah[2], Henry[1]), was born in Brewer, now Holden, Maine, 24 July 1803. She was the youngest child of David and Sarah (Tibbetts) (Osgood) Mann of Brewer, now Holden, Maine, a suburb of Bangor.

She married in Brewer, now Holden, Maine, 26 March 1823, Roswell[5] Silsby of Aurora, Maine, the Rev. Harvey Loomis officiating. She died in Aurora, Maine, December, 1898, aged 95 years, buried in Aurora cemetery.

She was a grand-daughter of Deacon Thomas[4] and Mary (Blake) Mann of Wrentham, Mass. This is an English surname and was spelled Man by the earlier generations. Her Mann genealogical line is as follows: (David[5], her father, a Revolutionary soldier and pensioner, Deacon Thomas[4], Theodore[3], Rev. Samuel[2], William[1]). (See Mann Genealogy).

Roswell Silsby was the brother of her sister Sally's husband and her sister Polly's husband. Roswell Silsby was born 5 Sept. 1799 in Ac//worth, New Hampshire; died at Aurora, Maine, 7 Dec. 1883, aged 84 years. He was for many years a Deacon in the Congregational church. His name and the names of four of his brothers appear on a memorial window placed in the Congregational Church at Amherst, Maine, in August, 1908.

He was the eighth son and tenth child of Capt. Samuel[5] Silsby, a Revolutionary soldier and pensioner, and Hannah Goodell his wife of Ac//worth, New Hampshire and Charleston, New Hampshire, who were in 1868-9 among the first settlers of what is now Aurora, Maine.

Deacon Roswell Silsby was a descendant in the sixth generation of Henry Silsby the immigrant who was born in London, England, in the year 1608 and came to this country in 1629 when he was 21 years of age (his wife's name was Dorothy). (See pages in this book which contain many records of the Silsby family). The Silsby genealogical line of Deacon Roswell Silsby is as follows: (Henry[1], Silsby, born in 1608 in London, England, Jonathan[2], born in Ipswich, Mass. in 1650, Jonathan[3], born 16 March 1677-8 in Lynn, Mass., Samuel[4], born 4 April 1726, and Capt. Samuel[5], who was born 4 Nov. 1755, who served as a Captain in the Revolution, and married Hannah Goodell 24 Nov. 1777 in Ac//worth, New Hampshire.

Capt. Samuel[5] Silsby enlisted from Halestown (Weare, New Hampshire), and served in Capt. James Perry's Company, Col. Paul Dudley Sargent's regiment, and was in the battle of Bunker Hill, and his name is to be found among the list of soldiers from Weare, New Hampshire who fought at the battle of Bunker Hill. (See New Hampshire State Papers, Vol. 13, page 509). (See History of Weare, N.H.) (See also Bangor Historical Magazine, Vol. VII, page 100)

Family of Deacon Roswell and Eunice (Mann) Silsby
of Aurora, Maine. (cont.

Children of Deacon Roswell and Eunice (Mann) Silsby, all born in Aurora, Maine, as follows:
(The generation numbers given below follow out the Silsby line):

i. Lucana M.[7] Silsby, born in Aurora, Maine, 12 Feb. 1824; married at Aurora, Maine, 21 May 1845, Phineas J. Anderson of Trenton, Maine, the Rev. W. Strickland of Amherst, Maine, officiating. Phineas J. Anderson was born in Amherst, Maine. Five children, all born in Amherst, Maine, as follows:

1. George O. Anderson, born 10 March 1846; married Mary A Rowe of Dedham, Maine, 27 April 1879. Child: 1. Arthur G. Anderson, born 13 April 1880 - No further record.

2. Charles O. Anderson, born 19 Jan. 1848; died 22 Dec. 1859, aged eleven years; buried in the Amherst cemetery.

3. Edgar L. Anderson, born 3 Dec. 1849; married Jennie D. Rowe. After their marriage they went to Deluth, Washington Territory to live. No further record.

4. Evelyn A. Anderson, born 20 June 1852; married in Amherst, Maine, A. J. Gregg. She died in Ellsworth, Maine, 17 Jan. 1898, aged 74 years, 11 mos., 17 days.

5. Francis T. Anderson, born 13 April 1855; died in Hampden, Maine, 6 Sept. 1856, aged one year.

ii. Diana[7] Silsby, born in Aurora, Maine, 10 Jan. 1825; married Isaac Emery of Dedham, Maine.

iii. Levi Bowker[7] Silsbym born in Aurora, Maine, 7 Aug. 1827; married Viola Tennant of St. Paul, Minnesota.

iv. Milton B.[7] Silsby, born in Aurora, Maine, 27 Jan. 1831; married first, Eva Jordan of Marinville, Maine in 1860. He married secondly, 25 Oct. 1870, Brocksey A. Rowe of Dedham, Maine, the Rev. James Wells officiating. She died in Aurora, Maine, 6 March 1896, buried in Aurora cemetery. Soon after the death of Brocksey, Milton went to Medical Lake, State of Washington, where he died 9 July 1909, aged 78 years.
Children by first wife:
1. Minnie M.[8] Silsby, born in Aurora, Maine, 16 Sept. 1862.
2. Eva Jordan[8] Silsby, born in Aurora, Maine, 18 Feb. 1866.

Child by second wife:
3. Myrtle E.[8] Silsby, born in Aurora, Maine, 14 Nov. 1871.

(These children went to Medical Lake, Washington).

Family of Deacon Roswell and Eunice (Mann) Silsby
of Aurora, Maine. (cont.

v. Hannah G.[7] Silsby, born in Aurora, Maine, 2 April 1834; went to Medical Lake, Washington; married Charles W. Robbins. No further record.

Note:
The above records of descendants of Deacon Benjamin and Polly (Mann) Silsby were compiled from data contributed by George Seldon Silsby, Esq., of Coldwater, Kansas (formerly of Bangor, Maine).

The Leighton Family. (Probably descended from the Leighton family of Dover, New Hampshire).
Family of Samuel and Dorcas (Bunker) Leighton.

Samuel Leighton served in the Revolution, enlisting from Gouldsborough, Maine (See Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, Vol. 9, pages 662-3-4). He married Dorcas Bunker.
Their children were:

i. Samuel Leighton (lived to about 100 years).

ii. Esther Leighton.

iii. Deborah Leighton.

iv. Hannah Leighton; married Moses Worster Jr. of Columbia, Maine, the son of Moses Worster of Columbia, Maine, by his first wife.

v. Isaac Leighton, born 24 Oct. or 25 Feb. 1763; died in Steuben, Maine, 20 Jan. 1836. He married Mary Worster, born 28 Feb.1767. She died in Steuben, Maine, 8 Oct 1844. She was daughter of Moses Worster Sr., of Columbia, Maine, by his first wife.

vi. Parrot Leighton.

vii. Phineas Leighton.

viii. John Leighton.

ix. A daughter Leighton.

Family of Isaac and Mary (Worster) Leighton,
of Columbia, Maine, later of Steuben, Maine.

Isaac Leighton, born 24 Oct. or 25 Feb. 1763; died in Steuben, Me., 20 Jan. 1836. He married Mary Worster, born 28 Feb. 1767; died in Steuben, Maine, 8 Oct. 1844. She was daughter of Moses Worster Sr., of Columbia, Maine, by his first wife.

Children of Isaac and Mary (Worster) Leighton, born in Columbia, Me.:

i. Moses Leighton, b. 17 Oct. 1790; d. at Columbia, Me., 23 Jan.187[illegible]

ii. Samuel Leighton, b. 22 Sept. 1792; died at Columbia, Maine, 3 Aug. 1876.

iii. Levi Leighton, b. 11 Feb. 1795; d. at Columbia, Me., 11 Aug.1874.

iv. Lovicey Leighton, b. 26 May 1797; died at Aurora, Maine, 25 July 1872. She married first, Stephen Osgood, in Columbia, Me., 1 May (family Bible record) 18 May (according to the Osgood Genealogy) 1817. He was born 30 March 1786 in Orono, Maine, died in Columbia, Maine, 12 Feb. 1834, aged 48 years, the son of Joseph and Sarah (Tibbetts) Osgood of Orono, Maine. She married secondly, as his second wife, 17 Sept. 1835, in Columbia, Me., Deacon Samuel Silsby, of Aurora, Maine, who was born 3 April 1785, in Acworth, New Hampshire, died 14 Jan. 1871, aged 86 years, in Aurora, Maine, buried in Aurora cemetery. She had eight children by first husband, and two children by second husband.

v. Daniel Leighton, born 18 Aug. 1799; died 16 Dec. 1871, at Columbia, Maine.

vi. H. Thatcher Leighton, born 21 Nov. 1801; died August, 1900, aged 98 years, 9 mos., 9 days, in Columbia, Maine. In Dec. 1895, the Boston Daily Globe sent one of its reporters from Boston to Columbia, Maine, to interview "Uncle Thatcher", on account of his extreme age, and his recollections which extended back so many years, which interview was published in the Boston Sunday Globe, 8 December 1895.

vii. Aaron Leighton, born 17 Jan. 1804; died 11 Nov. 1884, at Columbia, Maine.

viii. Salley Leighton, born 28 April 1806; married a Mr. Tucker. She died 12 Jan. 1882, at Columbia, Maine.

ix. Anna Leighton, born 13 Oct. 1812; married a Mr. Allen. She died 12 March 1896, in Columbia, Maine.

Family of Horace and Sophia (Clark) Silsby of Aurora, Maine, Bluehill, Maine and Hampden, Maine.

Horace Silsby, A.B. (Dartmouth College, 1846), was born 10 May 1818, in Aurora, Maine; died 14 May 1898 at Hampden, Maine. He married 18 Dec. 1849, Sophia Clark who was born in Holden, Maine. She was one of the outstanding teachers of Maine, a woman of strong character and fine culture. He was son of Deacon Benjamin[6] Silsby, born 1792 and Polly Mann his wife. (See No.). His Silsby genealogical line is as follows: Dea. Benjamin[6] (born 1792), Capt. Samuel[5] (born 1755, Revolutionary soldier), Samuel[4] (born 1726), Jonathan[3] (born 1678), Jonathan[2] (born 1650), Henry[1], born 1608, the immigrant ancestor from London, England.

He was a grandson of David Mann of Brewer, now Holden, Maine, and Sarah (Tibbetts) Osgood his wife (See No.).

Horace and Sophia (Clark) Silsby had three children, as follows:

i. Herbert Silsby, born in Bluehill, Maine, died young.

ii. Helen Sophia Silsby, born at Bluehill, Maine; married Charles A. Averill, a successful merchant of Bangor, Me., where they resided for many years.

iii. Alice Marion Silsby, born at Hampden, Maine; married Albert A. Smith of Hampden, Maine, and resided there.

The following sketch of the life of Horace Silsby was written by his daughter, Mrs. Charles A. Averill (Helen Sophia Silsby) by request, and was read at one of the Osgood-Mann-Blake-Silsby reunions in Bangor, a tribute to a just and noble character:

"The principal events of the life of Horace Silsby are, of course, known to you - his birth amid the hills of Aurora - how he spent his youth there among the family of brothers and sisters, growing up to share the labors of the farm, and following closely the counsels of a good father and mother.

I think it was that mother who first inspired the ambition to go to college, so that at the age of twenty he left the old home among the hills and came to Bangor to study, fitting for college at the Classical School, at that time connected with the Theological Seminary. At the age of twenty-four he entered Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated in 1846, after completing the full four years' course. He always looked back with pleasure upon his college days, and apparently nothing learned in youth was ever forgotten, for facts of scientific knowledge were always ready at call, and he read from any page of a Latin author as readily when nearly seventy as he did at twenty-seven. He was fond of telling anecdotes of life at college, and for many years kept with care a certain light silk hat which was given him as a prize for an essay delivered before an oratorical society connected with the college.

For some years after his graduation he made teaching his profession, teaching in Maine and Massachusetts. For several years he had full charge of the famous old Academy of Bluehill, Maine. It was during the first years at Bluehill that he was married to Miss Sophia Clark of Holden, Maine, a lady who was herself a teacher, and whom tradition says, he first met during a vacation from college which he spent at Aurora, Maine, where she was holding sway in the

self same little brick school-house where he had gone to school.

In Bluehill many pleasant years passed away as chief instructor in the Academy. There two children came to him, Herbert and Helen Sophia, and there little Herbert lies buried. After this, impaired health compelled him to make a change.

In 1858 he removed with his family to Hampden, Maine, where a second daughter, Alice Marion, was added to his family. After a few years spent partly in farming, during which time his health was restored, and partly in Washington, D. C., in Government employ, he opened a store in Hampden, Maine, five miles from Bangor, on the famous Penobscot river, and continued in this business during the last twenty years of his life.

In business life he was a man of the strictest integrity, possessing the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. In politics he was a staunch Republican.

In his young manhood he joined the Congregational Church in his native place, and led thereafter a consistent Christian life. Few men in their daily walk and conversation have lived more nearly up to the standard of the Golden Rule, with malice toward none and charity for all,- this was the controlling spirit of his life. Without display, yet always cheerfully he gave of his substance, as God had prospered him, to the support of the Gospel at home and in foreign lands, and to every benevolent enterprise.

His home life was particularly beautiful. Within the walls of his home his scholarly and refined tastes, laid aside in business hours, found exercise among his books, and it was always his delight to share with his family the thoughts which his reading suggested, for it was at his fireside that he was at his best, brightening the dull round of everyday life with his genial humor.

Much more might be said which would bring out the traits of character which are pleasant to remember - his delight in natural scenery, his fondness for the great poets, Shakespeare and Milton and others from whose works he was wont to repeat long passages, and his love for the grand old hymns.

His last sickness, of some months duration, was very bravely borne. Just seventy years he lived. The words of his pastor, who said: "Mr. Silsby spoke of his death to me in such a manly way", cover a good deal of ground in summing up the whole.

"Faithful in every relation of life, a good man has entered into his rest."